REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-30 stand rejected.

Claims 7, 9-10, 16, 18-19, 25 and 27-28 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 1, 11-13, 20-22, and 29-30 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-6, 8, 11-15, 17, 20-24, 26 and 29-30 are pending.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-6, 8, 11-15, 17, 20-24, 26 and 29-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,611,605 to Kim¹. The Examiner states that Kim discloses all of the features of the claimed invention.

It should be initially noted that although the Examiner states that the Kim reference has a common assignee with the instant application, Applicant respectfully submits that the assignee of Kim is different from the assignee of the present application.

Applicant respectfully submits that Kim fails to teach or disclose each and every feature of the claimed invention as set forth in the amended claims. Kim is generally directed to a speaker having a magnetic field generation means that generates two different flex patterns to provide two different ringing indications, namely ringing and vibrating. The Examiner has referenced the leaf spring 30 of Figs. 1-7 of Kim as teaching the leaf spring as claimed. Applicants respectfully submit that in each of Figs. 1-3 of Kim, the leaf spring 30 is flat. There is no mention or suggestion in Kim's specification that the springs have "a portion of curvature" being a "bending portion of the leaf spring." Moreover, Kim

Applicant notes that claims 9-10, 18-19 and 27-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicant presumes the Examiner was rejecting only claims 1-8, 11-17, 20-26 and 29-30 and addresses only those claims accordingly. Further, if the Examiner intended to reject claims 1-30, note that claims 9-10, 18-19 and 27-28 have been canceled, rendering any rejection moot.

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fails to disclose that the "bending portion of the leaf spring is radially bent in an outer circumferential portion of said leaf spring," as claimed in claims 1, 13 and 22.

Additionally, Applicant respectfully submits that the bending configuration of the present invention is to prevent deformation or bending that occurs with a flat spring when that spring is subjected to repeated forceful impacts. The leaf spring portion of curvature opposes the rotational moment M and provides a structure that can prevent deformation of the leaf spring. (See e.g., Specification page 6, lines 10-18) Kim does not discuss the problem of deformation of the leaf spring 30 when the actuator is dropped. This problem is addressed and solved by the present invention.

Accordingly, Kim does not disclose every element of the independent claims and Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn. Further, claims 2-6, 8, 11-12, 14-15, 17, 20-21, 24, 26 and 29-30 depend either directly or indirectly from independent claims 1, 13 and 22 and are allowable based at least on the argument above and their dependency to the independent claims.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 9-10, 18-19 and 27-28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kim in view of the Examiner's statement of ordinary skill.

Applicant respectfully states that claims 9-10, 18-19 and 27-28 have been canceled without prejudice thus rendering the rejection moot.

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CONCLUSION

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In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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